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Fertilizer Commission

248 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a copy of the report of the Fertilizer Commission of India headed by Shri Mukherji that visited the Tiruchirappalli district in particular in 1956 for the find of Gypsum; and

(*b*) if so, the findings of the Commission?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) & (*b*) No Fertilizer Commission sponsored by the Government of India visited Tiruchirappalli district in the year 1956. The hon. Member presumably refers to the visit in May 1956 of Dr. S. K. Mukherji, the then Superintending Engineer (Chemical) of the Lignite Investigation Organization, along with Shri D. P. Garge, Gypsum Development Officer of Sindhri and his staff, for a comprehensive study of the gypsum deposits in the district. The investigation was made at the instance of the then Chief Executive Officer, Lignite Investigations. A copy of the report submitted by Shri Garge was received by this Government. The contents of that report are however 'confidential'.

Fertilizer plant

* 249 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to start a Fertilizer Plant at Neyveli; and

(*b*) if so, wherefrom the required quantity of Gypsum will be supplied for the manufacture of fertilizers?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) Yes, Sir. The Government of India have agreed, in principle, to the establishment of a fertilizer plant at Neyveli for producing fertilizers with a Nitrogen content of 70,000 tons per annum in the shape of Urea.

(*b*) No gypsum will be required for the manufacture of Urea.

SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN: 'சிந்திரித் தொழில் சிறக்கிறது வடக்கே' என்று திராவிட முன்னேற்றக் கழகத்தினர் கூறினார்களே. அது அடுக்குமொழிதான், ஆனால் சரியாகச் சொல்லவேண்டுமானால், "சிந்திரியில் தொழில் சிறக்கிறது" என்று கூறியிருக்கவேண்டும் . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Where is 'Sindri' here? May I ask the hon. Member where is the word 'Sindri' in this question? I would make a request to hon. Members to confine their supplementary questions to the main question. I rule the hon. Member's supplementary question out of order.

Monozite Companies in Kanyakumari district

* 250 *Q.*—SRI T. T. DANIEL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state— 10–00 a.m.

(*a*) how many companies are at present working in Kanyakumari district for collecting monozite, etc.;

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(b) the value of the share held (i) by the Government; and (ii) by private individuals;

(c) how many tons of monozite, etc., have been collected during the last five years; and

(d) the approximate value thereof?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) Two.

(i) The Travancore Mineral Concern No. 2.

(ii) Messrs. Hopkin & Williams (Travancore), Ltd., Manavalakurichi.

(b) *The Travancore-Mineral Concern No.* 2 is owned by the Government of Madras. There are no private share-holders.

Hopkin and Williams, Ltd., is a limited concern having its registered office in London. There are no Indian (Government or private) share-holders in it.

(c) These details are available in respect of the Travancore-Mineral concern only.

Monozite—3,077 tons.

Illmenite—36,403 tons.

(d) Monozite—about £25 per ton.

Illmenite—about £4–5–6 per ton.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : Is it a fact that there was a Board for the Travancore Mineral Concern No. 2 on which there were three representatives of the erstwhile Travancore-Cochin State and three representatives of the Central Government? Will the Madras Government be pleased to move the Central Government to have some of our representatives on the Board?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The matter is under negotiation.

SRI A. NESAMONY : மணவாளக்குறிச்சியில் மானஸைட் கம்பெனிகள் வேலை செய்யும் இடத்தில், திருவிதாங்கூர் மினரல் கம்பெனியின் கட்டிடத்திற்குள்ளே 'ரூட் ஆயில்' தயாரிப்பதற்காக ஒரு 'மெஷனரி' நிறுவுவதற்கு ஸ்தலம் ஒதுக்கப்பட்டதுடன் அஸ்திவாரமும் இடப்பட்டதும், அதற்குப் பிறகு 'மெஷினரி'-யை அன்று அந்தப் பிரதேசத்திற்கு இருந்த திருவிதாங்கூர்-கொச்சி சர்க்கார் சவரைக்கு கொண்டுபோனதும் இந்த சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா? அப்படியானால், அந்த மெஷனரியை திரும்பவும் வரவழைத்து மணவாளக்குறிச்சியில் ஸ்தாபித்து அங்கே ரூட் ஆயில் தயாரிப்பதற்கு இந்த அரசாங்கம் முன்வருமா?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : A separate question may be put.

Madras Union of Journalists

* 251 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries, be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have decided not to refer the dispute raised by the Madras Union of Journalists with the